

COVID-19 economic recovery planning

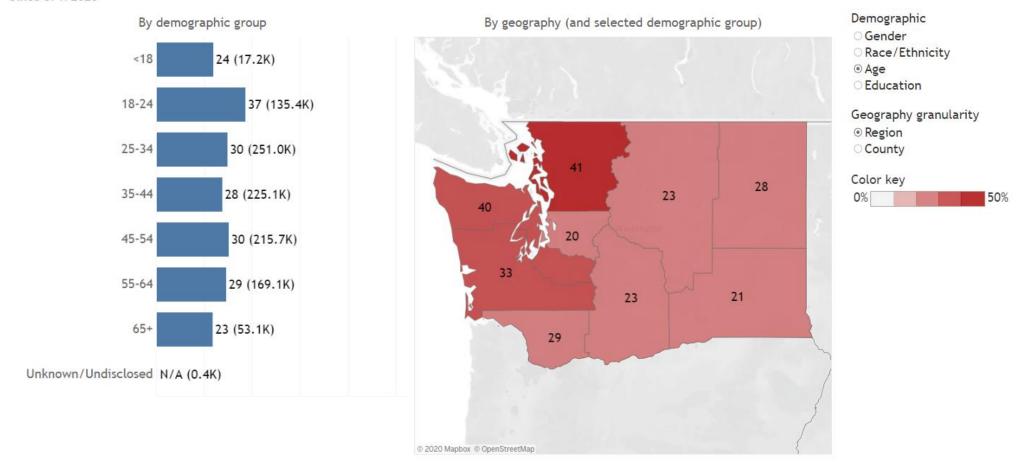
Senate Select Committee on Economic Recovery



Washington State has seen >1M unemployment claims since March

UI Claims per 100 workers

Since 3/1/2020



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History suggests job recovery will take multiple years

Prior shocks

(WA & other states)

WA State

- Great Recession (2008-10)
- Post 9/11

Other States

- NY: Post 9/11
- LA: Katrina

Multi-year recovery observed

(Time from 'trough' to prior peak)



Limited recovery in initial months

(Avg. % of jobs recovered after 'trough')





- There is no 'silver bullet'
- We are in a resourceconstrained environment
- This crisis has deepened existing inequality
- Opportunity to strategically invest in State priorities

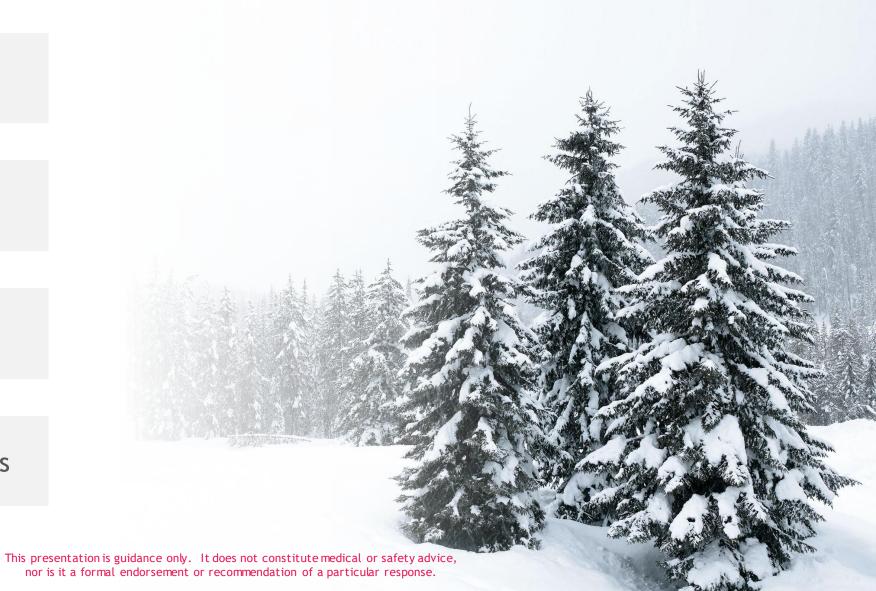
Four categories of levers for Washington State to consider

Programs funded by the Operating budget

Investments funded by the Transportation Budget

Investments funded by the Capital Budget

Non-monetary policy levers



We are compiling a 'long list' of potential ideas

Programs funded by the Operating budget

Provide loan guarantees to support small businesses

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Investments funded by the Transportation Budget

Fund the maintenance / preservation backlog of roads and bridges

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Investments funded by the Capital Budget

Expand funding for broadband to improve rural connectivity

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Non-monetary policy levers

Survey state assets to determine if opportunities for higher ROI

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Example metrics to assess:

- Jobs created
- Long-term GDP impact
- Jobs / dollar invested
- Alignment to WA State priorities (e.g., trade, equity, sustainability)
- Feasibility





Maximize the impact of limited State resources

Tailor the approach to recover jobs and grow economy considering regional & industry needs

Ensure an equitable recovery that supports disadvantaged people & communities

Keep Washington State priorities front and center, such as maritime and sustainability

Strategically invest in innovation to grow the state's long-term advantage

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